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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE, OPTION 3

REF: USNATO 3194

1. SINCE TRANSMITTING REFTEL, WE HAVE OBTAINED COPY OF FOLLOWING DRAFT CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PRODUCED BY THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF. IT MAY BE DISCUSSED IN JUNE 11 NAC FOR USE BY THE NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN, IN THE EVENT OF ANY LEAKAGE, ON AN IF ASKED BASIS. IT LEAVES OUT ANY REFERENCE TO THE U.S. AND ANY SUGGESTION ABOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ELEMENTS. UPON FURTHER REFLECTION, WE THINK THE IS VERSION MIGHT BE BETTER FROM THE STANDPOINT OF GERMAN SENSITIVITIES, SINCE BY OMITTING REFERENCE TO US IT WOULD AVOID ANY POSSIBLE IMPLICATION OF FRG FOOT-DRAGGING IN MBFR.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, TO APPROVE SUGGESTED IS VERSION.

3. BEGIN TEXT: THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL REVIEWS ON A CONTINUING BASIS THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION AT THE MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA AND RECEIVES REGULAR REPORTS FROM THE AD HOC GROUP OF ALLIED CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THESE TALKS. THIS NORMAL CONSULTATION PROCESS INCLUDES EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS IDEAS CONCERNING STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS SUCH. END TEXT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO ANY DIRECT, PROBING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE US
HAVING INTRODUCED A PROPOSAL RELATING TO OPTION 3, WE WOULD
PLAN TO SAY AND SUGGEST THAT THE NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN SAY, IF
AGREED, THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION
TO GO BEYOND THE ABOVE STATEMENT. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HANDLE
THE NPG QUESTION THE SAME WAY AS SUGGESTED IN THE REFTEL.
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